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Application Number	10/039,872
Filing Date	01/03/2002
Art Unit	
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As the below named Inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Ablation Instrument Having a Flexible Distal Portion

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

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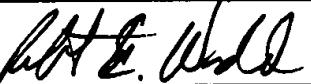
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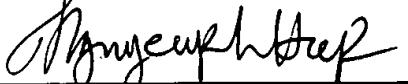
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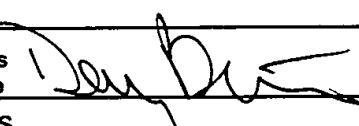
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